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S 0443 General Bill, By Campsen, Young, McElveen, Williams and Corbin

Summary: Night hunting

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NIGHT HUNTING AND HARASSMENT OF WILDLIFE, TO RESTRUCTURE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE NIGHT HUNTING, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-705, TO PROVIDE THAT NIGHT HUNTING ANY ANIMAL EXCEPT DEER, BEAR, TURKEY, OR ANY ANIMAL LISTED IN SECTIONS 50-11-710 OR 50-11-715 IS UNLAWFUL, TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES. TO PROVIDE THAT NIGHT HUNTING DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY ON PROPERTY NOT REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT HUNTING FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, OR ARMADILLOS IS UNLAWFUL AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT HUNTING DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY ON PROPERTY REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS UNLAWFUL AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISPLAY OR USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT AT NIGHT ON PROPERTY NOT REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT HUNTING FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, OR ARMADILLOS, IN A MANNER CAPABLE OF DISCLOSING THE PRESENCE OF DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY, TOGETHER WITH THE POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CENTERFIRE RIFLE AND AMMUNITION LARGER THAN CERTAIN WEAPONS, SHALL CONSTITUTE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF NIGHT HUNTING DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-715, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO NIGHT HUNT FOR HOGS, COYOTES, OR ARMADILLOS, AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-717, TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBSERVING OR HARASSING WILDLIFE IS UNLAWFUL, EXCEPT THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY USE ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS TO OBSERVE WILDLIFE PRIOR TO 11:00 P.M., AND TO PROVIDE OTHER APPROPRIATE USES OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-710, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO NIGHT HUNT FOR RACCOONS, OPOSSUMS, FOXES, MINKS, OR SKUNKS UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 50-11-740, 50-11-745(A), AND 50-9-1120(2)(b), TO ADD TURKEY TO THE LISTS THAT INCLUDE DEER OR BEAR; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 50-11-708 AND 50-11-720, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

02/21/17	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)
02/21/17	Senate	Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 5)
03/01/17	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 12)
03/02/17		Scrivener's error corrected
03/07/17	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/07/17	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/07/17	Senate	Roll call Ayes-38 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 16)
03/08/17	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 28)
03/09/17	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 3)
03/09/17	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 3)